

LOCAL GATHERINGS

The pupils of Miss Elizabeth Peck and Miss Ella Brownell will give a recital at the Academy chapel Friday evening at eight o'clock. The senior chorus will sing.

The Passumpsic Savings Bank is now paying to depositors its regular dividend of 4%. The annual meeting comes this afternoon and a more extended account will be given next week.

The Outlook club met Jan. 6 with Mrs. Mabel Moffett, Lafayette street. The subject of food values was very interestingly handled by Miss Ina Underwood and listened to very attentively by all. A good number of members was present. Several matters of business were acted upon. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Blanche Chickering's home, 43 Caledonia street, Jan. 26.

An open meeting of the College club will be held on Jan. 15, at 4 p. m., at the Fairbanks Museum. Judge Walter P. Smith will speak on "The Juvenile Court." The work of the court is of great interest on account of its educational, philanthropic and social influence.

The following letters are advertised for the week ending Jan. 8: Ladies, Mrs. F. B. Allen, Mrs. Isabelle Brigham, Miss Stella Crosby, Mrs. Wilson Hopkins, Miss Grace Roy, Miss Blanche Silver, Mrs. H. M. Stratton, Mrs. E. H. Wheeler; gentlemen, W. F. Abbott, C. F. Davis, Doll Ezer, Rev. F. H. Laird, George Milleur, Edward O'Neil, E. E. Watters.

The Sunday school teachers training class will meet Thursday evening of this week at the Fairbanks Museum. Rev. F. S. Tolman will conduct the Bible study.

The Woman's Relief Corps won the dinner set given by the Globe theatre Saturday afternoon on a ticket belonging to Mrs. Eda Battles and presented them by her. Last evening the corps gave a well-attended whist party.

The ladies of St. Andrews Episcopal church will have a quilting and box lunch at the parish room on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 10 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies in the church.

Sheriff Worthen was in South Ryegate last week and arrested Leon Patch and Alta Ladeau for an alleged assault on a five year old child.

The first of a series of five meetings will be held at the Sumnerville school house Sunday afternoon at 3:30 with Rev. Frederick B. Richards as speaker.

The Christmas cantata "Bethlehem" given by the North church chorus will be repeated next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Snowshoe club will start from the Athenaeum Wednesday evening at 7:45. After the tramp supper will be served at G. A. R. hall, followed by a general good time. All interested are cordially invited to tramp, others not wishing to are welcome at the hall for the supper and fun.

St. Aloysius parish will have a whist party this evening at Knights of Columbus hall.

ALL TIED UP AGAIN

The Independents Have A Rally In F. C. A. League.

The result of last week's playing in the F. C. A. league left three teams again tied for first place. The Independents showed the fans on Tuesday night that it is a long long lane that has no turning—or ash barrel. With four men on a side the tall enders and A. C. battled it out, the former winning 50 to 37. In placing the blame A. C. can with safety point to Stenson, the newest recruit in the league. A. C. and the Stars had little difficulty in winning their games against C. C. and the Independents. The A. C. met defeat at McIndoes Thursday night by the score of 41 to 19. An F. C. A. meeting has been called for tonight. Summary:

IND. A. C.
A. Stenson, rf. Ig. Pope
E. Bernier, lf. Ig. L. Lacroix
Ladis Lacroix, c. c. Pope
Desrocher, rg. If. W. Dumas
Score, Ind. 50, A. C. 37; goals from floor, Stenson 13, Dumas 12, Ladis Lacroix 5, E. Bernier 5, Lacroix 4, Desrocher, Pope, Ladberty; points on fouls, Ind. 2, A. C. 1; referee, Boisvert; scorer, Goyet; timer, Nadeau; time, three 15 minute periods.

A. C. C. C.
A. Goyet, lf. rg. E. Lacroix
W. Dumas, rf. Ig. Lacroix
Pope, c. c. Pope
L. Lacroix, rg. If. A. Lacroix
Couchaine, lf. rf. Gignac
Score, A. C. 31, C. C. 14; goals from floor, W. Dumas 6, L. Lacroix 4, A. Goyet 3, A. Lacroix 2, Pope 2, E. Lacroix, Laurence, Dutilleul; points on fouls, C. C. 4, A. C. 1; referee, Boisvert; timer, Dr. Drouin; scorer, Hart; time, three 15 minute periods.

STARS IND.
A. Thibault, rf. Ig. Desrocher
B. Dumas, lf. rg. E. Bernier
E. Goyet, c. c. Desrocher
L. Gagner, rg. If. L. Lacroix
Emmons, lf. Ig. Stenson
Score, Stars 41, Ind. 19; goals from floor, E. Goyet 11, Stenson 3, L. Gagner 3, Emmons 2, B. Dumas 2, A. Thibault 2, E. Bernier 3, L. Lacroix, Desrocher, H. Baril; points on fouls, Ind. 1 Stars 1; referee, Boisvert; timer, Dr. Drouin; scorer, L. Lacroix; time, three 15 minute periods.

Standing of League.

W. L. P. C.
C. C. 6 4 .600
A. C. 6 4 .600
Stars 6 4 .600
Ind. 2 8 .200

Games This Week
Wednesday, C. C. vs. Ind.
Friday, A. C. vs. Stars.

Record for the Cold Spell.

The past week has brought the first really "cold spell" of this winter with three mornings of below zero temperatures. The last day of December gave a record of -15°, and on January 1 the minimum temperature was -1°.

The thermometer readings for the week are as follows:—

January 3, Maximum 30, Min. 16.
January 4, Maximum 20, Min. 5.
January 5, Maximum 29, Min. 14.
January 6, Maximum 44, Min. 12.
January 7, Maximum 13, Min. -10.
January 8, Maximum 10, Min. -21.
January 9, Maximum 13, Min. -22.

THE REAL AND ONLY

By IZOLA FORRESTER.

When you stand for hours at a ticket office in an elevated station, you get to know your regular people. Besides, Larry had the inquisitive romantic sense, and he often wondered whether some day the girl, the real and only, would walk up and ask him for a ticket, and maybe he'd be absent-minded and let her get by without recognizing his fate.

And after all, it was Marty who noticed her first. Marty took the tickets and could see everybody up and down the platform. One night about 5:45, as a train pulled out, Marty strolled over and said: "He was right on time tonight, wasn't he?"

"I missed it," said Larry. "What is it?"

"She's been waiting here regular and frequent for three nights now and he comes at 5:45. Some girl, he believes me, Larry."

The next night Larry watched for her. When she came to buy her ticket—it was she! He didn't have to be told twice. All he did was look at her. She was slender and lissome. Somewhere Larry had read about girls who were lissome and winsome and the kind that just took the heart out of you without asking.

For three weeks or more Marty and he watched the progress of her romance. Neither one approved of the man. He was too young and sure of himself, too nonchalant, Marty said. That was the word. Nonchalant was there to meet you or not. Sometimes he was late, but she never was. And finally, when the 5:45 Harlem express pulled in one night, she saw him through the window with another girl, and he didn't get off that night.

She must have been crying, Larry reasoned it out afterward. The steps were icy that night anyway and slippery, but when she turned around to go down them to the street she fell, and it was Larry who reached her first and carried her back to a bench in the warm waiting room.

"I'm not a bit hurt," she faltered. "Only shaken up a little bit. I can go home."

Whereat, with great emphasis on the impersonal business responsibility he felt, Larry told her he got off at six and would see that she reached her home safely. And Marty whistled as he saw them board the uptown train together. By the time he left her at her door up on Eighty-sixth street, near Madison avenue, they had made wonderful strides in acquaintanceship.

All the way back to his room, Larry said her name over, Alice Carlson. Perhaps she had inherited that blonde spun-gold hair from some Norse ancestor, he thought, and her rare, clear coloring.

Marty was the first to notice the veering of the wind of romance. She failed to appear on the platform for the 5:45 Harlem express. Several times the young man in gray got off and looked about, but she was not there, and he seemed troubled. Then came a night when he waited around until the 9:10, which Larry always took, and he saw her.

And, just as he approached, Larry tucked her under his lee, so to speak, and put her aboard the train. She was a bit white, but game, with her head uplifted and her lips smiling at Larry, and when they had gone several stations she said:

"Did you see that young man in gray? I—I know him. He's often in our store. He's a salesman."

"Yes," said Larry pleasantly. "Seems to be what we used to call up home sort of spruce looking."

She laughed, and shook her head. "I don't know. I don't like that sort. Seems nice to meet somebody, real somebody like home folks, don't you know? New York's so strange, you almost lose yourself in it."

"You have to keep fearfully busy so you don't get homesick," he laughed down at her. "That's the way to win in anything—you just hang on."

She looked up at him admiringly her eyes sparkling with interest—looking until something in his own blue eyes brought the color to her face.

"Mother said she'd like to meet you," she said shyly. "If you're not too busy Sunday evening—"

"I'm not," Larry broke in buoyantly. "But don't be too nice to me or I'll be glad you tumbled that first night."

The wind swept around the corner as they came to the street and she bent to face it, her muffled pressed close against her face, her eyes full of a new light.

"I'm awfully glad," she said softly. "What funny little things kind of—kind of change lives around, don't they?"

"They are not funny little things," Larry whispered, holding her for a minute at her door. "They are glimpses at the great machinery. Can't you try to believe that it just had to be, preordained and all that—you to tumble and me to pick you up and he to go by with that other girl—"

"Oh, then you saw him?" She was not angry, only anxious as she looked up at him.

"You don't mind now, do you?" "I don't mind," she whispered, leaning away from his reaching hands into the vestibule. "Good night, Larry."

And Larry stood alone facing the wind, his hands deep in his coat pockets, all the glory of love's surety in his eyes. He had found only her, the Real and Only Girl.

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REFUTES THE CANAL THEORY

Member of British Astronomical Association Takes Issue With Scientists Concerning Mars.

According to the report on the 1909 opposition of Mars, published by the "section for the observation of Mars" of the British Astronomical association, under the direction of E. M. Antoniadi, "the alleged existence of a geometrical network of canals on Mars has received a lasting and unanswerable refutation." Mr. Antoniadi had the advantage of using on Mars the great Meudon refractor, the most powerful telescope in the Old World.

In working with smaller instruments he himself had, like other observers, obtained frequent glimpses of narrow, straight lines, but in the Meudon instrument these lines were seen only when the definition was bad and the image of the planet "flaring." With good seeing, a complex natural structure of the so-called "continental" regions of the planet was revealed, a variety of irregular bands and shadings, replacing the sharp, narrow lines drawn by Schiaparelli, Lowell and others. Mr. Antoniadi pronounces the geometrical lines, and also the doubling of the lines, mere optical illusions, and presents a large number of his own drawings side by side with those made of the same regions by Schiaparelli and Lowell, in support of this contention. He notes that the markings which Schiaparelli only glimpsed with his modest 8½-inch refractor were held quite steadily in the 32½-inch refractor at Meudon.

—Scientific American.

INDISCRETION COST HIM LIFE

Ambassador "Talked Too Much," and the Result Was Unpleasant for Himself and Others.

In a "History of the Turks," Chalcoyias, a Greek, relates how a fleet of crusaders sailing toward Constantinople in the beginning of the thirteenth century, was becalmed at the entrance of the Hellespont. At that time there was at the court of Athens an ambassador of the king of France, who set out in a galley to visit the chiefs of the fleet. The admiral confided to him that he had been ordered to take Constantinople by surprise. The ambassador spoke of the difficulties and dangers of this passage, as it was between two banks from which ballistae could hurl upon the vessels enormous stones, boiling oil, and, above all, Greek fire. The admiral revealed to him that the governors of the forts would make little resistance, as they had been bribed. The envoy was so pleased that as soon as he had returned to land he had great trouble to hold his tongue. He was heard to prophesy in mysterious words that the famous passage would soon be forced. As there were spies on all sides, the words of the ambassador were soon carried to Constantinople. When the fleet presented itself in the Hellespont the catapults of the Turks manifested great activity. The bribed captains of the forts had been removed and others were in their places. The indiscreet ambassador was recalled to Paris and executed.

The Gurkha's Charge.

That the Indian troops not only respect but love their officers is illustrated in the following humorous story from T. P.'s Journal:

A young English subaltern had just arrived at the front, and his superior officers, who were not at all sure of him, gave an old Hindu soldier of his regiment orders to keep his eye on him. The Indian was very proud of his trust, and looked after the young fellow as if he had been his own son, although he was always perfectly respectful and obedient.

Then, one afternoon, the German across the way started a violent bombardment. Carried away by his feelings, the boy jumped up and exposed himself unnecessarily to their fire. The Gurkha immediately pulled him back, pushed him to the floor of the trench, and sat on him! The young Englishman struggled to rise, but the Gurkha sat tight.

"Not yet, sahib," he cried, "not yet!" And he was not until the colonel gave the order to charge that the conscientious Hindu allowed his prisoner to rise, saluted him respectfully, and charged the enemy trenches at his side.

Treasure Ship Ready.

The staunch old whaler Jeanette is receiving a coat of paint and a powerful engine is being added to her equipment in the Pacific shipyard at Alameda Point, Cal. The Jeanette, for a long time, has lain idle, but now she is going to sail again on a long expedition to the South seas. She will carry adventurers to Cocos Island to search for fabulous treasures thought to have been hidden by "Red Jacinto," a pirate chieftain.

The party is to be headed by Capt. James Brown of Portland, Me., and is composed of business men from Springfield, Mo., and Kansas City, who have formed a syndicate to finance the expedition. They will leave Oakland, Cal., in a few days.

Wood Pulp Substitute for Cotton.

A German chemist is working on a process which is expected to make wood pulp available as a substitute for cotton in the manufacture of high power explosives. The pulp is prepared and made into sheets much the same as in the manufacture of paper. The only difficulties yet remaining arise from the fact that the material contains impurities which make the explosive uncertain and highly dangerous to handle.

PRESENTED GOLD-HEADED CANE

A. H. McLeod Resigned Presidency of First National Bank After 21 Years' Service.

At the annual meeting of the First National bank on Tuesday afternoon A. H. McLeod resigned after having held the office of director and president for 21 years. In recognition of his services he was presented with a gold-headed cane by the directors and working force of the bank. Just before the vote for directors was taken Mr. McLeod announced that he wished to retire from the board and also from the position of president of the bank, having completed at this time 36 years of service as director and 21 years as president of the institution. At the conclusion of the balloting for the new board of directors Judge Walter P. Smith spoke most appreciatively of Mr. McLeod's long and faithful service both as director and president of the bank, emphasizing the fact that harmony had always prevailed at all the meetings of the board and that the success of the institution through the years was due in no small degree to Mr. McLeod's successful leadership. Then, on behalf of the directors and the working force of the bank, he presented the retiring president with a gold-headed cane. Mr. McLeod responded very feelingly, thanking all for the spirit of friendship that prompted the gift and adding that he should always have a warm spot in his heart for the bank and all its associates. On behalf of the stockholders present John T. Ritchie voiced the sentiments of all by expressing the regret that Mr. McLeod felt obliged to sever his active relations with the bank, and congratulating the institution for having so long the benefit of his counsel and direction. Z. S. Waterman was directed a director to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. McLeod's resignation. The others are as follows: C. H. Stevens, W. P. Smith, John C. Clark, Frank H. Brooks, W. A. Ricker, and H. A. Stanley. John C. Clark was elected president and C. H. Stevens, vice-president, at a meeting of the directors.

Angus Hector McLeod was born in Cote St. George, Ontario, Nov. 29, 1842, coming to St. Johnsbury in 1871. At that time he purchased the Caledonia mills where as president of the A. H. McLeod Milling company he built up a large and extensive business as well as adding materially to the company's plant. On Oct. 1, 1910, he retired from this corporation. He has also faithfully served both the town and village in years past, having been a lister and village trustee. For several years he has been one of the directors of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co.

His connection with the First National bank dates from April 26, 1880 when he was chosen a director to succeed L. C. Mathews, deceased. In 1894 he was elected vice-president, an office which he held for two years, and on Jan. 14, 1896, he was elected president to succeed the late Col. Franklin Fairbanks. His long record as president of the institution is almost equal to that of the bank's first president, Hon. Luke P. Poland, who was president from its organization in 1854 until his resignation in 1886, a period of nearly 22 years. During 21 years of faithful and conscientious service Mr. McLeod has seen the bank steadily grow in strength and popularity, carrying it through the severe panic of 1893 and other times of almost equal financial stringency. He combined a conservatism with a keen judgment of men and business affairs and has been universally regarded as one of our most successful and substantial business men. Possessed of a wonderful memory it proved a great help both to him and the bank he served in deciding the intricate problems that came before the directors of such institutions. His retirement at this time marks the crowning achievement of a busy and active life and a host of friends extend congratulations upon such a record as was voluntarily ended yesterday.

Merchants National Bank.

At the annual meeting of the Merchants National bank, held yesterday afternoon, the officers reported a very satisfactory year. The following directors were elected: Elmore T. Ide, Harry Blodgett, Alex. Cochran of Wells River, Dr. T. R. Stiles, George H. Cross, Leslie H. Thornton of West Barnet and Charles W. Ruiter. The directors organized and elected E. T. Ide, president; Harry Blodgett, vice-president; Charles W. Ruiter, cashier; and Frank H. Philburt, assistant cashier.

Re-elected Officers.

The Caledonia National bank of Danville held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon and elected the old board of directors, who organized with the same officers as last year.

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On Friday night the Trailers won from the Jitneys by eight pins. This was the most interesting game yet rolled, the winners being drawn from the last box.

The pinfall:

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Allison 75 78 85 238
Conner 79 82 68 229
Flanagan 77 66 72 215

TRAILERS
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Leonard 82 76 101 259
Brown 74 80 75 229
Palo 84 73 79 236
Brunelle 72 81 85 238

JITNEYS
Hopkins 76 81 82 239
Lavery 68 82 71 221
Barker 80 69 70 219
Coleman 88 80 81 249
Reed 102 87 87 276

Standing of League.
Points won.
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Jitneys 3
White Sox 3
Tigers 1

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On Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p. m. the Rev. J. P. Crossland will lecture at the Methodist church on "The Designation of the Pew." Special musical items, vocal and instrumental. Refreshments will be served.

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TRAILERS LEAD LEAGUE

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AGAIN WE OFFER THE

Two Big Clearance Sales

AS ONE CONDENSED FEATURE

As an extra inducement to appreciate our ever increasing departments we offer you, under our Big White Sale and Silk Sale, merchandise at prices which may be hard to duplicate again at any time this season.

It will be well worth your while to visit our store at some time between JANUARY 6 and JANUARY 15, as the following goods are now selling:

OUR WHITE SALE

Offers You

Fruit of the Loom at 9c

40 in. Lockwood 8½c

36 in. Lockwood 7½c

12½ Long Cloth, by piece \$1.17

7c Crash 6c

10c Crash 9c

12½ Crash 11c

18c Crash 15c

19c Crash 16c

The last two items are twilled

linen and represent a big value.

10c Outing Flannel at 8½c

10c Batting, 3 bats 25c

12½c Silkalline 10c

10c Silps 9c

15c Silps 2 for 25c

Sheets (72x90) 39c

75c Sheets (81x90) 69c

90c Sheets (81x99) 79c

87c Bed Spreads 75c

1.25 Bed Spreads 98c

1.39 Bed Spreads 1.25

1.50 Bed Spreads 1.39

2.00 Bed Spreads 1.69

Red Star Toweling at the following prices:

18 in. 6c yd

20 in. 6c yd

22 in. 7c yd

24 in. 7c yd

27 in. 8c yd

30 in. 8c yd

12½ Bath Towels 10c

25c Bath Towels, extra value 19c

29c All Linen Towels 25c

62½, 75c, and 87c All Linen Damask and Huck Towels, slightly soiled, 49c

\$1.00 Merc. Table Cloth, (72x72) 89c

75c Red Damask Table Cloth 69c

85c Red Damask Table Cloth, (58x71) 79c

\$1.00 Red Damask Table Cloth, (58x71) 89c

\$1.25 doz. Napkins, \$1.10 doz

\$1.36 doz. Napkins, (sold in ½ doz. lots) \$1.25

\$1.50 doz. Napkins \$1.39

\$3.50 doz. Napkins, \$2.98